

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-48. (canceled)

49. (currently amended) A low depth tray for fluid containers, comprising:
a base;

a first pair of opposed walls extending upwardly from the base; and

a second pair of opposed walls extending upwardly from the base and integrally joined with the first pair of opposed walls to form a storage area, each of the second pair of opposed walls including an upper wall portion and a lower wall portion, the upper wall portion including an alternating arrangement of first areas having a single-walled construction and second areas for contacting the fluid containers, the first areas co-planar with an outer surface of the second areas, wherein at least ~~a portion one~~ of the first areas ~~are~~ has an upper edge which is lower in height than an upper edge of the second areas and the first areas vary in height to form a non-symmetrical contour along the upper wall portion.

50. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the second areas have a double-walled construction.

51. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the first areas include upper wall panels, and the second areas include column portions.

52. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein an interior surface of each second area is substantially flat.

53. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the second areas include portions extending into the storage area.

54. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the upper wall portion is slightly tapered in a downward direction.

55. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the lower wall portion includes an alternating arrangement of lower wall panels extending upwardly from the base and cutout portions.

56. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 55, wherein the lower wall panels have a single-walled construction.

57. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 55, wherein the upper wall portion includes a transition area immediately above the lower wall panels.

58. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 57, wherein the transition area has a double-walled construction.

59. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein a top surface of the base is substantially flat.

60. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein a bottom surface of the base has a plurality of receiving areas for receiving therein the tops of similar fluid containers in a layer in a similar tray beneath the base.

61. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein each of the first pair of opposed walls includes a handle portion.

62. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 61, wherein the handle portion includes a top bar.

63. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 62, wherein the top bar protrudes above an upper edge of the first pair of opposed walls.

64. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 62, wherein the top bar includes at least one inwardly extending projection to provide lateral support to fluid containers loaded in the tray.

65. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the first pair of opposed walls include an upper wall portion having a double-walled construction, the upper wall portion including columns for providing lateral support to fluid containers loaded in the tray.

66. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 49, wherein the first pair of opposed walls include a lower wall portion having an alternating arrangement of lower wall panels extending upwardly from the base and cutout portions.

67. (currently amended) A low depth tray for fluid containers, comprising:
a base;
a pair of opposed end walls extending upwardly from the base; and
a pair of opposed side walls extending upwardly from the base and integrally joined with the pair of opposed end walls to form a storage area, each of the pair of opposed side walls including a lower wall portion and an upper wall portion, the lower wall portion including an alternating arrangement of lower wall panels extending upwardly from the base and cutout portions, and the upper wall portion including an alternating arrangement of first areas having a single-walled construction and second areas for contacting the fluid containers, the first areas co-planar with an outer surface of the second areas, wherein at least ~~a portion~~ one of the first areas ~~are~~ has an upper edge which is lower in height than an upper edge of the second areas and the first areas vary in height to form a non-symmetrical contour confined to the upper wall portion, wherein the lower wall portion nests within the corresponding first areas of a tray disposed therebelow.

68. (currently amended) A low depth tray for fluid containers, comprising:
a base;
a first pair of opposed walls extending upwardly from the base; and
a second pair of opposed walls extending upwardly from the base and integrally joined with the first pair of opposed walls to form a storage area, each of the second pair of opposed walls including an upper wall portion and a lower wall portion, the upper wall portion including an alternating arrangement of first areas having a single-walled construction and second areas for contacting the fluid containers, the first areas co-planar with an outer surface of the second areas, wherein at least ~~a portion one~~ of the first areas ~~are~~ has an upper edge which is lower in height than an upper edge of the second areas and the first areas vary in height to form a wavelike configuration along the upper wall portion, wherein the wavelike configuration along a first one of the second pair of opposed walls has an opposite orientation compared with the wavelike configuration along a second one of the second pair of opposed side walls.

69. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 68, wherein the second areas have a double-walled construction.

70. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 68, wherein the first areas include upper wall panels, and the second areas include column portions.

71. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 68, wherein the second areas include portions extending into the storage area.

72. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 68, wherein the lower wall portion includes an alternating arrangement of lower wall panels extending upwardly from the base and cutout portions.

73. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 72, wherein the lower wall panels have a single-walled construction.

74. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 72, wherein the upper wall portion includes a transition area immediately above the lower wall panels.

75. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 74, wherein the transition area has a double-walled construction.

76. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 68, wherein each of the first pair of opposed walls includes a handle portion.

77. (previously presented) The tray according to claim 68, wherein the first pair of opposed walls include an upper wall portion having a double-walled construction, the upper wall portion including columns for providing lateral support to fluid containers loaded in the tray, and a lower wall portion having an alternating arrangement of lower wall panels extending upwardly from the base and cutout portions.